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INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION

Twenty-Seventh Meeting of the AFI Planning and Implementation Regional Group (APIRG/27)

5 to 6 November 2024

Item 2: Follow-up on APIRG/26 meeting Conclusions and Decisions and Review of the outcomes of the APCC/9 Meeting

2.2: Review of the outcomes of the APCC/9 Meeting

(Presented by the secretariat)

SUMMARY	
This working paper presents the outcomes of the ninth meeting of the APIRG Project Coordination Committee (APCC/9) held virtually on 8 October 2024.	
Action by the Meeting is in paragraph 3	
<i>Strategic Objectives</i>	<i>A – Safety, B – Air Navigation Capacity and Efficiency</i>

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1. The Africa-Indian Ocean Planning and Implementation Regional Group Projects Coordination Committee (APCC) is an APIRG contributory body established to support the latter in effectively discharging its responsibility. The APCC is mandated by APIRG to carry out specific functions in order to coordinate and guide planning and implementation activities within the framework of APIRG, to facilitate the activities of APIRG in its Sessions, and to facilitate coordination between PIRGs, other Regional Groups and international organizations identified by APIRG. The APCC shall specifically ensure continuity between APIRG meetings and take necessary action to avoid implementation delays.

1.2. The APCC/9 meeting was held virtually on 8 October 2024 to discuss matters related to:

- the status of the implementation of air navigation goals, targets and indicators, including the priorities set in the regional air navigation plan through the review of the outcomes of the APIRG Subgroups meetings and activities as well as the related projects achievements and challenges;

- the preparation of the APIRG/27 meeting, its agenda as well as tasks assignment;
- the future work programmes and schedule of meetings of APIRG and its Contributory bodies; and
- the status of the first edition of the Annual Air Navigation reporting as well as the status of preparation of the second edition.

2. DISCUSSION

- 2.1. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Paule Assoumou Koki, Director General of Cameroon Civil Aviation Authority and Chairperson of APIRG, in the presence of Mr. Simon Zwane, Vice-Chairperson of APIRG. The chairs of the AAO and IIM Subgroups, and IATA also attended the meeting.
- 2.2. The ICAO Regional Director WACAF served as secretary in the presence of the Regional Director ESAF and with the support of Officials from the ICAO ESAF and WACAF Regional Offices.
- 2.3. The meeting reviewed the reports of the seventh meetings of the Airspace and Aerodrome Operations (AAO) and the Infrastructure and Information Management (IIM) Subgroups.
- 2.4. The meeting recognized the work done by the Subgroups, discussed outcomes to be brought to APIRG for consideration, and provided guidance for the finalization of the reports and the related Working papers. The meeting also reviewed and endorsed the proposed updated Terms of Reference of the IIM Sub-group.
- 2.5. The meeting reviewed and provided its inputs to the draft agenda for APIRG/27 as developed by the Secretariat, in line with the Air Navigation Commission's recommendation for a uniform approach to the formulation of the agenda for Planning and Implementation Regional Group (PIRG) Meetings.
- 2.6. Regarding the development of the ASBU reporting tool as an add on to the current platform of the Air navigation deficiencies database (AANDD), the meeting was informed that the online tool called by the APIRG/26 Conclusion 26/12 is ready for use. The meeting recommended to add to the agenda of APIRG/27, a demonstration session of the AANDD and the ASBU online reporting tools, for the awareness of the practicality and the benefits purpose.
- 2.7. The meeting reviewed the proposed future work programme including meeting plans of APIRG and its contributory bodies for the period 2024-2025. The meeting further agreed to convene additional specific APCC meetings to discuss achievements and challenges encountered by the Subgroups in their activities, in order to provide more support and guidance as appropriate. The proposed work programme for the period 2024-2025 was therefore amended.

- 2.8. Regarding the conduct of the ANS Summit, the meeting suggested if possible, that the next meeting of APIRG be conducted back-to-back with the ANS Summit.
- 2.9. Finally, the Secretariat updated the meeting on the publication of the first annual air navigation report as well as on the status of the development of the second edition. The meeting discussed challenges encountered by the Annual Air Navigation Report Team to gather data from States and stakeholders. The meeting recognized the dedication of the Team and urged all the stakeholders to provide the required information. The meeting directed the Secretariat, in coordination with the Annual Air Navigation Report Team, to finalize the report for its release by the target date of 31 December 2024.

3 ACTION BY THE MEETING

- 3.1 The meeting is invited to
 - a) Take note of the information in this paper; and
 - b) Provide further guidance as appropriate.